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Seven Ducks in a Dirty Pond

Comedowns are tough. They go against the grain of our thinking. They hurt. But the simple truth is that we all must have a "comedown" before any of us can be saved. That is, we must have a humbling, an honest admission to ourselves that we have a need, that it is serious, and that no one can "fix it" but God Himself.

We resist comedowns in any form, but especially in the matter of coming to grips with our need of forgiveness. Somehow we think we can handle this one on our own, that we know what needs to be done, that it will happen on our terms. We bring our own preconceived ideas to the situation and figure that we already know just how and when and where it will all take place.

Then we bump into Naaman!

Yes, Naaman! Do you know who Naaman is? His story jumps out at us in II Kings 5:1-19. Naaman was a man who was not used to comedowns. He traveled in pretty important company. The king of Syria regarded him very highly as a "great and honorable man." This "mighty man of valor" was known and appreciated as well by virtually all the Syrian populace because he had led the nation in military victory. In other words Naaman was a national hero, a household term! He was "way up there" in prowess and importance. He was really impressive!

There was, however, one fly in the ointment. Naaman was a leper! And leprosy was serious! No known cure, always ultimately fatal. No amount of money, doctoring, or medicines, made any difference. Naaman was on a collision course with death and nothing

could stop it.

Then he heard about the prophet in Samaria. Strange source it was that shared the news. She was a young Israeli whom Naaman had taken captive on a raid into the Northern Kingdom. She had been assigned to serve Naaman's wife; that's right, just a servant girl who had become concerned for Naaman's situation. Perhaps it was the way she said it that caused Naaman's wife to pick up and relay the message to her husband. Perhaps it was their sense of desperation that caused them to grasp at any straw of hope and to follow up on it. What the young Jewish servant girl said was, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy."

Healing! Hope! Check it out!

And that is exactly what Naaman did. Before long he was on his way to Samaria and, after working his way through something of a frustrating detour at the king's palace, he finally pulled his chariot and horses to a halt before Elisha's door. And here is where the comedown begins!

In the first place, the prophet did not even come out to say, "Hello." Rather he sent out a messenger, a mere underling, to speak to Naaman. What a blow to Naaman's ego. He was used to being held in high esteem. People thought it a privilege to have him around! They sought his company. No such treatment here! Elisha's servant Gehazi delivers the message that strikes a second blow at Naaman's ego: "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." The good news struck Naaman in a bad way! "Seven ducks in a dirty pond" was a bit too much for his way of

thinking. "Preposterous!" "You've got to be kidding!" No way!"

Listen to Naaman's reaction to the "good news" in his own words. "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy. Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?'"

You see, Naaman had it all figured out in his own mind. He thought he knew exactly what Elisha should and would do. He was insulted at the lack of pomp and circumstance at his arrival, as well as at the thought of having to humble himself by bathing in the Jordan River of all rivers! Since his healing could not come on his own terms he "turned and went away in a rage." The conditions were very different than what he had anticipated and he was not about to adjust and accept such terms. And so off in a huff he goes. Road rage at its worst!

Good thing he had some gutsy servants. They saw through his arrogance and reasoned thoughtfully with him. Their logic proved to be irresistible and instructive even to us in our day. They really cared about Naaman and wanted to see him healed; they risked his rage and reasoned with him as follows. "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'"

It's really simple, Naaman.

Forget your expectations, your conditions, your way of thinking. Submit

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From Our Hearts To Yours



Dave and Pat Warren
State Representative

"Bound by the Word and to Each Other" has been our motto almost from the beginning of our ministry to you three years ago.

We are happy to serve a group of churches who sense that they are bound by the teachings of Scripture. We also find ourselves happily bound to you to each one of you. And we enjoy opportunities to put shoe leather to our feelings by spending time with you.

With Paul our hearts desire that our God might "grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God," (Rom. 15:5-7)

"Likeminded" As we crisscross the state, we are thankful to see a group of pastors and people who share the gospel and preach the same scriptures. Our association may have left the mainstream denominations in order to stand for the "Five Fundamentals," but it is obvious that we share many more commonalties than just those five. At

least nineteen are listed in our statement of faith and it is a joy to see brethren come to the same understandings as they study the scriptures in separate contexts — all taught by the same Spirit and Lord.

"With one mind" — How refreshing it is to see folks who love the same scriptures draw together in a common fellowship to glorify the Lord together with a group of people who share this one mindedness.

With "one mouth" — How refreshing to hear the same message coming from our pulpits and people across the state. As a group of churches share the same message, the Lord is glorified more boldly and broadly.

"Receive one another" — We thank the Lord for the way you have received us into your churches. We also thank the Lord when we see area pastors and wives drawing together for fellowship and in this sense "receiving one another." As our ladies meet across the state, we also see our people "receiving one another." And, of course, our state fall conference gives us another opportunity to "receive one another."

We do not take these "one another" opportunities lightly. They are opportunities to glorify the Lord together. We long to see all of our fellowshipping churches and pastors and wives "receive us" and "receive one another" for the glory of God. We also long to "receive" into our fellowship other churches and church plants who share the same bonds to the Word and to fellow believers across the state.

--Dave and Pat



Max and Phyllis Tucker
Church Planting
Coordinator

"If I'm dreaming, let me dream on." Dreams are often difficult to put into words. As we have listened to the pastors of our fellowship, and missionaries already on the frontline, we have indeed developed a dream. A dream to develop clusters of churches across the state of Ohio that will come together for the purpose of assisting in the Church Planting Ministry.

OUR GOAL is therefore to bring together a cluster of churches in various key locations around the state. We will be endeavoring to have no less than five, no more than seven in a cluster. One pastor and church would be the local coordinator. By having a group of churches, we could share the expenses and not pull on one church more than they could withstand. On various Sundays, churches would bring in musical talent and laymen to teach special lessons. We would also be drawing from these churches for visitation and manual labor. This is our dream. If I am dreaming, let me dream on.

OUR MODEL being the Church of Thessalonica. Verse three found in I Thessalonians, Chapter one, is our key verse: "remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father."

1) God sent Preachers 2) with a distinct Message 3) who preached in Power. People responded and the message went forth.

OUR VISION is for the churches committed in partnering to share and give of their unique gifts and resources; churches who will dream of reproducing after their own kind, purposing to reproduce by:

A. PRAYER AND PLANNING
Having a weekly prayer list from the missionary pastor. 'God will not do apart from prayer what He has promised to do in and through prayer.'

B. PAYING AND PROVIDING
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"Ohio Pizza Party" at the Annual Conference
Thursday, June 28, 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$3 per person
See you there!

Ask your pastor's wife if you can pay her way to the "First Ladies" Retreat.

Ohio TFC Winners Announced



Jack Kehl,
Bible Baptist
of Newark,
winner of
woodwinds
competition

On April 7, 2001, Ohio Talents for Christ was held at Cedarville University. Over one hundred youth from OARBC churches participated in categories that included voice, public speaking, instrumental, drama, writing and bible knowledge. What a privilege it was to see young people desiring to develop and use their talents to serve the Lord. It is a pleasure to report the following winners:

Bible Knowledge: 1st, Amy Nagle, First Baptist, Willowick

Brass: 1st, Mark McDaniel, Grace Baptist, Westerville; 2nd, Rollin Mohler, Maranatha Baptist, Columbus

Female Public Speaking: 2nd, Diana Griffith, Grace Baptist, Troy

Female Voice: 1st, Jessica Goodrich, Faith Baptist, Streetsboro; 2nd, Carrie Kirtland, Maranatha Baptist, Columbus

Male Public Speaking: 1st, Daniel Griffith, Grace Baptist, Troy; 2nd, Noah Filipiak, Grace Baptist, Troy

Male Voice: 1st, Jarrod Shamp, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Smithville; 2nd, Matt Bere, Graham Road Baptist, Cuyahoga Falls

Piano: 1st, Elise Demitrack, Grace Baptist, Westlake; 2nd, Becky Chasnov, Southgate Baptist, Springfield

Strings: 1st, Andrew Flamm, Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo; 2nd, Elizabeth Shortt, Grace Baptist, Cedarville

Visualized Bible Teaching: 1st, Kimberly Williams, Camden Baptist, Wellington

Woodwinds: 1st, Jack Kehl, Bible Baptist, Newark; 2nd, Amanda Petrosky, Grand

Heights, Fairborn

Writing: 1st, Jeff Stevenson, Grace Baptist, Westerville; 2nd, Stephanie Bullard, First Baptist, Elyria

Drama Ensemble: 1st, Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls; 2nd, First Baptist Church, Elyria

Vocal Ensemble: 1st, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Smithville; 2nd, First Baptist Church, Elyria

Instrumental Ensemble: 1st, Chime Choir, Pleasant Hill, Smithville; 2nd, Flute Trio, Pleasant Hill, Smithville

Winners of the Ohio TFC are awarded scholarships to participating colleges in the amount of \$800 for first place and \$400 for second. They also advance to the National TFC held at the GARBC Conference in June. First place winners nationally win an 80% tuition scholarship and second place winners receive 40% tuition scholarship.

For more information about TFC contact the Ohio TF Director, Pastor David Mullins at 330-674-5927 or teammbe@valkyrie.net. Praise God for using us to accomplish His purposes!

Seven Ducks in a Dirty Pond, continued

yourself to the word of the prophet. Just do what he says. Nothing flamboyant or showy. Nothing complicated or confusing. Just seven ducks in a dirty pond!

Wow! How beautifully simple! It's very satisfying to read the turning point in the story. Are you ready? "So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." Cleansing! Restored to life! A future! His condescension had led to a real coronation. His comedown had really paid off!

And I guess that is where we must bring the story up to our time, up to our experience. When it comes to salvation, to being cleansed from the fatal consequences of our own sin, we need a comedown. We must humble ourselves in realizing that we do actually have a serious malady that we cannot contribute to our own healing. We must humble ourselves to submit to God's way of cleansing us, abandoning our preconceived notions of what it takes and of how it will happen. We must meet His conditions, not He ours! We must

humble ourselves to dip in the cleansing blood of Christ, to bow our knee at the cross where that blood was shed. There, and there alone, will we find cleansing, forgiveness, peace, and life! It is God's way, whether we understand it or like it, or not. We must humble ourselves to obey the word of the Lord; He does not have to obey our word, but we must His!

And you know what? Everyone who truly comes down always comes up with newness of life. Comedowns are tough-but are well worth it! Ask Naaman! Come on down today!

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood,

In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?

Are your garments spotless?

Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
(Elisha A. Hoffman, 1878)

--WDW



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Gators have been spotted at Scioto Hills! Scioto has taken another step toward child safety and the protection of the camp environment. We have begun to purchase small John Deere Gators to replace our other vehicles. If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact the camp.

New projects are sprouting up all over the Scioto campgrounds. The Summit Challenge Tower is one project made possible by a contributing family. This four-sided Tower stands 43 feet tall on a 60-foot hill. Three sides contain various high ropes elements while the fourth side is comprised of a climbing wall designed to challenge all abilities. Another new project is the addition of the bumper boats to the upper lake. The bumper boats are incorporated specifically into the New Frontier Camp program. The High Ropes Tree Course and the Pamper Pole are also new.

Please pray for the ministry opportunities we have with all campers, but especially for the 100 summer staffers coming to serve the Lord this summer. Also please pray specifically for Sponsor Week. Over 100 unsaved children will be attending camp July 2-7, many whom have never heard the Gospel of Christ. If you are interested in sponsoring a child to experience a life-changing week at camp, please contact the office for details.

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Upcoming Events for 2001

June 18-23	Edge Camp #1 Paul Matthiesen, speaker
June 25-30	Camp Zing #1 Art Conrad, speaker
July 2-7	BLAST.com Brad Seltzer, speaker
July 9-14	Edge Camp #2 Kurt Alber, speaker
July 16-21	Camp Zing #2 Andy Manwiller, speaker
July 23-28	Edge Camp #3 Matt Otto, speaker
July 30-Aug 4	Camp Zing #3 Larry Nocella, speaker
July 6-11	Homebuilders Camp #1 Kevin Boggs, speaker
July 13-18	Homebuilders Camp #2 David Warren, speaker
Sept 14-15	SVR Men's Mentoring Retreat
Sept 20-22	SVR/OARBC Ladies Retreat
Oct 12-13	SVR Marriage Enrichment Retreat
Oct 9	Sr. Citizens Day #1
Oct 11	Sr. Citizens Day #2
Oct 16	Sr. Citizens Day #3
Dec 26-29	Staff Reunion
Dec 28-29	Summer Camper Reunion

Camp Patmos Dock Plans In Jeopardy

The Patmos dock project capital campaign was VICTORIOUS! We needed \$80,000 in contributions by April 30. This qualified us for a \$50,000.00 challenge grant. We received both. In fact, money continues to come in for the dock. We did not advertise the cost of the floating docks, lights, water intake conduit and other accessories. They will need to be done as it is built. So continue to pray and support this need of about \$20,000.00, of which \$13,000.00 has already come in.

The money is in, but the dock builder has stopped building the dock!

Why? The Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Archeology Reviews Manager, David Snyder has stopped the final

permit from being issued. Please HELP!

1. Pray that this office would lift the restriction.
2. Contact your State Senator or Representative and ask for his help.

The whole of Kelleys Island has been placed on the National Register of Historic Districts by the United States Department of the Interior. Several land owners have recently built new docks. Others are even now building docks. Why have they singled out Patmos in not allowing a dock to be built? Why have they delayed granting approval to this point?

Those are the questions you should ask your State Senator or Representative.

Dear Ladies of OWMU

What do jelly, jars, Winter Olympic Games, and gypsies have in common? If you were at the OWMU spring meeting in Marysville, you know the answer to that question. If you weren't, I will tell you. It is important that you know so you can help us live out our theme, "Passing It On...To Our World."

It, of course, refers to the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. As believers, it is our duty, and should be our desire, to pass this wonderful news on to others. *Our 2001-2002 OWMU project, which will be done in two phases, will help us share this gospel with our world.*

Phase 1: \$4,000 for Medals for Glory

In February 2002, God will bring the world to us as thousands of athletes and spectators will come to Salt Lake City, Utah, for the Winter Olympic Games. The Ohio Women's Missionary Union will assist Baptist Mid-Missions in ministering God's Word by making Gospel bracelets, praying, and giving our quarters. Our quarters will be used to provide gospel booklets and showers (yes, I said showers!).

Medals for Glory 2002 workers will present the gospel message through the *Reaching for the Gold* booklet, which explains the plan of salvation with Olympic illustrations. In addition to English, eight languages have been selected for translation and printing to equip workers in their ministry. The OWMU, at a cost of \$3,000, will provide 10,000 of these booklets printed in the Japanese language.

Also, there are churches in Utah that desire to house Medals for Glory 2002 team workers but lack complete facilities for such hospitality. The solution: portable showers. The OWMU will provide three of these, at \$350 each.

So, from now until our fall meeting in Westerville on October 23, you will need to save 16,200 quarters, ladies!

Jelly jars; no more quarter-savers!

Some of you are already so excited you're thinking, "We are going to need lots of quarter savers very soon. I'd better call Sue!" Read on carefully—perhaps you'd better sit down.

The price of quarter savers has soared and the quality has plummeted. In an effort to be good stewards, the officers have decided to try something different. That's where jelly jars come in. And your cooperation is needed! If you provide your own jars, we will send you labels for them. We also have brochures and a new Medals for Glory video. Please request them.

Phase 2: \$4000 for Gypsies in Romania

After that, we'll save another \$4,000 worth of quarters in our jelly jars to help Eugen and Felicia Oana reach Romanian gypsies with the same glorious gospel. More info later.

So, jelly jars, Winter Olympic Games, and gypsies do have something in common for those of us in the OWMU. The method for collecting our quarters will be different, yet the goal will still be "Joining Hands for Missions" and "Passing It On...To Our World."

In His Love,
Sue Miller

Project Updates!

✓ E-mail excerpt from Debbie Tobias to Sue Miller: "Dear Sue, just wanted to share the big news, THE MULE HAS ARRIVED IN THE SIMBAI!!! It has been so exciting to have it here. Not sure what we did without it!! Thank you all again for being part of our ministry here in New Guinea."

✓ Checks totaling \$4,250 each, sent to Patmos, Scioto Hills, and Skyview Ranch in May 2001. Thanks to all of you who gave! Let's continue in prayer for our camp ministries throughout the summer months.

Fall Retreats

Skyview Retreat:

September 20-22
Speaker: Peggy Walker

Scioto Hills Retreat:

September 27-29
Speaker: Barb Eash
Theme: "He's the God of the ages to women at all stages"

Inn at Amish Door Retreat:

November 8-9
Speaker: Gloria Dayton
Theme: "Seekers of Your Heart"

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Across the State

North Bethel

◆ **First Baptist Church of Findlay** held a "New Life in Christ Crusade" with Max and Phyllis Tucker from April 4-8.

Several decisions were made during the meetings, during which Max gave clear and interesting presentations of the Word of God.

Aaron Kaukonen is pastor at First Baptist.

◆ Dean Birdsall gave a strong gospel presentation to many unchurched clubbers and their parents at **First Baptist of Bowling Green** Awana Awards night. The Awana Penny Drive raised \$360, enough to sponsor two Adopt-a-Clubs in Zimbabwe and Haiti. Praise the Lord!

The church people gathered at cottage prayer meetings to pray for evangelistic meetings led by Wayne & Hattie Nelson April 29-May 2 with decisions for salvation and commitments. Danny Boy and Critter, their ventriloquist puppets, helped stress "Let God Be God."

Northeast

◆ **Cedar Hill Baptist Church** in East Cleveland has called Craig Parrow and his wife, Renee, to serve as associate to Rev. Cal Searles and his wife, Deb.

◆ **Calvary Fellowship Baptist Church** sponsored an open house and dedication for Hannah's Home in Mentor, Ohio, on Saturday, May 12. Hannah's Home is a boarding school for young women in crisis pregnancies. Rev. Paul and Carol Beresford lead the work at Calvary.

Akron

On April 31 hundreds of young people from across Ohio gathered at Kent State University for **Funtastic**.

Keith Seager, youth pastor at North Royalton Baptist Church, delivered the opening challenge and then the young people spent the rest of the day competing in various athletic events. The Ohio State Youth Committee sponsored and organized the event.

Mid Bethel

◆ **Faith Baptist Church** in Kenton sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet with the theme "Here Comes the Bride."

Pat Warren brought devotions. Dennis and Jana Burns serve as pastor and wife at Faith.

◆ **Emmanuel Baptist Church** in Marysville hosted the State Ohio Women's Missionary Union meeting on April 17, providing a delicious box lunch as well. Esther Entner, missionary wife with ABWE to the Philippines, and Sallie McElwain, Women's Ministries, BMM, brought the morning and afternoon devotional messages. The church was full with ladies coming from all across Ohio. Dave and Marcia Elmore serve as pastor and wife at Emmanuel.

Bethany

◆ At **First Baptist of Niles**, Easter Sunday celebration began with an early fellowship breakfast which was well

attended. After the Sunday School hour, the morning worship service included an adult choir presentation of the Easter cantata "The Nail-Scarred Hands" by Gail and Greg Skipper. The exciting special day ended with a baptismal service during the evening service. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

G. Ben Reed is pastor at Niles.

◆ Pastor Tom Woodward will be beginning a full time ministry at the **Galilee Baptist Church**, Austintown. Tom and his wife, Lynette, have been serving part-time for several months and will now give all their time and effort to this endeavor. Let's be in prayer for their success.

East Moriah

On May 15 the pastors and wives met at Ryan's Steak House in Marietta, for a time of fellowship. Rev. Dave Denny, pastor of New Harmony Baptist, Caldwell, heads up this area fellowship.

West Moriah

◆ **Memorial Baptist Church** in Columbus has been conducting a Continuing Bible Conference on the Christian Family for several

months. They devoted the first Sunday evening of each month to this special topic. The concluding session was held on Mother's Day with Dave and Pat Warren addressing the topic "Safeguarding Your Family." Rev. Tom Wright and his wife Sue lead the work at Memorial.

Canton

◆ **The Millersburg Baptist Church** held a commissioning service for the Edward J. Miller family on Sunday,

April 29. The Millers have been faithful servants in the Millersburg Baptist church for nearly 18 years. Ed Miller has accepted the position of Executive Director of Camp Patmos, a Regular Baptist camp on Kelleys Island. The Millers will be greatly missed, but the people of Millersburg Baptist are excited to see the Millers follow the will God and give themselves to the work of full time service for Him. Pastor David Mullins delivered the Charge to the Church and Dr. Mark Jackson (father-in-law of Ed) delivered the Charge to the Family. Many of the board members from Patmos were present for the Commissioning. "What an exciting time for our church family," comments Pastor Mullins. "The question on our mind now is, 'Who will be next?'"

South Bethel

◆ **Grace Baptist Church** in Cedarville has called Josh Amos to serve as associate in youth. Josh and Lisa join the work led by David Graham and his wife, Carol.

◆ Max and Phyllis Tucker presented the church planting ministry at the **Union Baptist Church** in Englewood. Rev. Laird Baldwin and his wife Belinda serve as pastor and wife at Union.



◆ Dave and Pat Warren ministered at the **First Baptist Church of Wellington** for a Family Life Conference on Sunday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 2. The Warrens spoke seven times during the 4-day conference. Throughout the week they challenged husbands and wives, as well as parents and children, to follow God's plans for a Christ-honoring home. The conference included a pizza party for teens and parents on Sunday night, with the theme, "How To Find A Great Mate."

The First Baptist Church also hosted a farewell reception on Sunday evening, May 13, for Neal and Karen Dufey. Karen (who grew up at Wellington), her husband, Neal, and their two children will leave on May 31 for Bolivia, where they plan to enter tribal work under New Tribes Mission. The Dufey's will be joining Karen's brother and his wife, Seth and SaRee' Lamb, and their children, who headed to Bolivia last November.

◆ The **Brookside Baptist Church** of Seven Hills voted to close its doors. The properties have been sold to a Romanian Baptist Church, which has been meeting in Parma.

◆ The **Camden Baptist Church of Wellington** has called Bill Kopas to serve as Associate Pastor. Bill and Jeanne have been serving at Fellowship Baptist in Lorain. They join Larry and Lori Nocella at Camden.



◆ **Calvary Baptist Church** of Chillicothe has called a new pastor, Rev. Dwayne Gibson and his wife, Rachel, will take up the work in June.

Celebrate Ohio

Alliance: The Carnation City

Thank You, Myrna Dulaney, from Mt. Pleasant Baptist, our Homeworth/Alliance church, for reporting on our state flower, the carnation.

History remembers Ohio-born President, William McKinley, for his red carnation. Ohio remembers Alliance for the birthplace of this lovely scarlet flower, which has become the official state flower.

In 1866, a local Canton greenthumb and politician, Dr. Levi L. Lamborn, propagated the flower from French seedlings, calling it "Lamborn Red." Opposing William McKinley for the 18th Congressional District a year later, Lamborn presented the future president with a "Lamborn Red" boutonniere before each debate.

As McKinley's political star rose, he spoke of the scarlet carnation as a good luck charm. When he became president, he took to wearing one at all times and presenting flowers from a bouquet on his desk to guests.

On September 14, 1901, moments after removing the flower from his lapel and giving it to a young admirer at the Buffalo Exposition, McKinley was killed by an assassin's bullet.

Following years of lobbying by Lamborn, the Ohio General Assembly passed a joint resolution naming the scarlet carnation the state flower on February 3, 1904. On April 8, 1959, the Ohio Legislature recognized Alliance as the "Carnation City."

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Crossroads Bible College President Dr. Charles Ware shares with a student after one of his addresses at the 2001 Missions Conference.

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Hundreds of Cedarville University students made personal decisions for ministry at the University's 2001 Missions Conference, held March 26-30. The theme of the conference was "Growing a Great Commission Family," an outgrowth of the University's academic-year theme of "Rediscovering God's Plan for the Family" and a reminder of Christ's commission to his followers at his ascension.

An international slate of speakers challenged the University family. Dr. Charles Ware, president of Crossroads Bible College, Indianapolis, Ind., served as keynote speaker and Dr. Patrick Cates, president of Christar (formerly International Missions, Inc.), gave the opening address. Other speakers included William Bolthouse, M.D., a surgeon in Macedonia; and Harry Gebert, M.D., and Jan Gebert, M.D., who formerly operated a health center in West Africa. Thomas Hale Jr., M.D., and Cynthia B. Hale, M.D., who served as medical missionaries to Nepal, and David Topazian, D.D.S., a missionary with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) and current president of MedSend, also made presentations. In addition, more than 70 missionaries, representing dozens of international ministries, exhibited displays and interacted with students throughout the conference.

Cedarville University's forensics team won the Individual Events championship at the recent National Christian College Forensic Invitational held at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif. In addition to winning the team championship, the Cedarville squad posted two overall championships: Tim Cochrell, from Burbank, Ohio, was named National Varsity Champion. Mark Awabdy, from Cedarville, Ohio, was named National Novice Champion.

In addition, the University novice forensics team recently earned top honors in the Ohio Forensics Association's Novice State Championship at Miami University in Oxford. The Cedarville team outdistanced squads from Ohio University, which placed second, and The Ohio State University, which finished third.

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